

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by SRI. The Examiner has rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious in view of SRI in combination with Saunders (U.S. 6,310,583). The Examiner has rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious in view of SRI in combination with Kloptek (U.S. 6,730,123). The Examiner has rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious in view of SRI in combination with Pelrine et al. (U.S. 6,628,040). The Examiner has objected to claims 6-10 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. These claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 6-7, and 14. Applicant has canceled claim 13. Applicant has added new claims 15-19. Currently pending in the case are claims 1-12 and 14-19.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include limitations: "a cylinder head; and a valve guide mounted in said cylinder head, said valve guide having an aperture." Applicants submit that SRI does not anticipate using such a valve system as described in Applicant's amended claim 1 in a cylinder head of an internal combustion engine and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1. Applicants further submit that rejections of claims 2-5 and 11-12, which depend from claim 1 should also be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that claim 1 is now in allowable form. Consequently, claims 6-10, which depend from claim 1, should also be in allowable form.

Applicant has amended claim 14 to contain the limitation: "wherein said valve is disposed in a cylinder head of an internal combustion engine." Applicant argues that such limitation distinguishes Applicant's claim 14 over the SRI reference. Allowance of claim 14 is earnestly requested as well as allowance of new claims 15-19, which depend from claim 14.

No other art is cited in the Office Action. Based on the foregoing comments, the above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.

Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Amendment, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account 06-1510. If there are insufficient funds in this account, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No.06-1505.

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